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SUBJECT: MINI-SUMMIT MEETING IN CAIRO

1. HEADS OF STATE OF SYRIA, JORDAN AND EGYPT HELD THEIR LAST MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 12 AND ISSUED A JOINT COMMUNIQUE WHICH WAS NOTABLE PRIMARILY FOR WHAT IT DID NOT SAY. KEY PHRASES OF COMMUNIQUE WERE "ALL OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS BETWEEN THE THREE COUNTRIES IN ALL MATTERS AND ASSESSMENTS RELATED TO THE BATTLE OF DESTINY WERE REVIEWED AT THE MEETINGS," AND "IT WAS AGREED TO FOLLOW UP THE DIALOGUE AND (HOLD THE) CONTACTS TO PUT THE PROPOSED SOLUTIONS, NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION, INTO FORCE."

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2. COMMUNIQUE MADE NO REFERENCE TO EASTERN FRONT, STATUS

OF PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS IN JORDAN, OR ANY OF THE OTHER KEY ISSUES OUTSTANDING BETWEEN JORDAN, SYRIA AND EGYPT. IT THUS APPEARS THAT FEW IF ANY OF THESE ISSUES WERE RESOLVED.

3. IN SEPARATE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT, GOE REVEALED ITS DECISION TO RESTORE RELATIONS BETWEEN EGYPT AND JORDAN. AL AHAM REPORTED THAT KING HUSSEIN HAD SUGGESTED THE NAME OF ABDEL MONEIM EL RIFAI AS FUTURE JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR TO CAIRO AND THAT PRESIDENT SADAT HAD AGREED.

4. WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE OF THE PRICE, IF ANY, THAT HUSSEIN PAID TO ACHIEVE HIS GOAL OF RESUMING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH EGYPT. SADAT'S MOTIVES FOR RESTORING RELATIONS ARE NO DOUBT TIED TO HIS EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE RAPPROCHEMENT WITH SAUDI ARABIA AND THE OTHER CONSERVATIVE OIL-RICH ARAB STATES. MOVE MAY WELL BE DIRECTLY LINKED TO INCREASED SAUDI FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR EGYPT. WE DO NOT SEE ANY INDICATION OF A SIGNIFICANT SHIFT IN EGYPTIAN POLICIES TOWARDS PALESTINIANS AND PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS, ALTHOUGH THIS DEVELOPMENT MAY MAKE PALESTINIANS APPREHENSIVE OF EGYPTIAN INTENTIONS TOWARDS THEM.

5. CAIRO PRESS MADE NO REFERENCE TO RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN JORDAN AND SYRIA ALTHOUGH THIS WAS OSTENSIBLY ONE OF THE GOALS OF THE MEETING.
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